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## MORRIS CANAL.

SUMMARY OF THE NEW ABANDONMENT BILL.

Measure Prepared By Three Commissioners - Provisions for Railroad Purposes - State Acquires All Water Rights.

Justice Bennett Van Sycle, one of the three commissioners who prepared the Morris canal abandonment bill that will be submitted to the Legislature now in session, has compiled a summary of the bill for publication in order that every person interested in the subject may get knowledge of the details of the bill.

The bill provides for the repeal of the canal company's charter and the abandonment of navigation. The Lehigh Valley Railroad Company is to acquire and surrender to the State all of the \$2,200,000 outstanding stock of the canal company and to surrender it to the State for cancellation. Stock that cannot be obtained otherwise is to be condemned, but at the expense of the railroad company. The bill divides the canal into three sections.

The first section, from the Delaware river to the west line of Paterson, is eighty odd miles long. The second section, from the west line of Paterson to Fiddler's Elbow, between Jersey City and Bayonne, twenty-one miles. The third section, from Fiddler's Elbow to the Jersey City terminal, three miles.

The first section, all that part of the canal west of Paterson, if the abandonment bill is adopted, goes to the State absolutely, with all the water rights, rights of flottage and diversion, all rights in Lake Hopatcong, Greenwood Lake, Green Pond, Stanhope reservoir, Cranberry Lake and Bear Swamp, with any and all water rights anywhere in the State pertaining to or connected with the canal property.

The Lehigh Valley Railroad Company is given exclusive right to use the surface of the canal lands in Phillipsburg for its railroad purposes. The State is to have the right at all times to enter upon the surface of the Phillipsburg property to lay and maintain water and sewer pipes beneath the surface.

The second section of the canal east of Paterson to Fiddler's Elbow takes in this town and the bill provides that this section is also to be conveyed to the State absolutely, but this strip is to be sold by commissioners appointed by the governor, either in whole or in parts, as the commissioners may decide. Out of this strip there are important reservations in favor of the county and city of Newark. The line of the canal is to be defined through Branch Brook Park and all outside of a certain strip is to go to the county. The city of Newark gets street rights of way and the canal dock within the city limits. Rights are retained for municipalities to cross the right of way of the canal at any point with sewers and water pipes. Provision is made that purchasers of the canal property shall maintain bridges wherever necessary to accommodate public roads, or in lieu thereof shall demolish the bridges and grade roads, but must not make grade crossings. The State reserves to itself the right to enter on the property and to lay and forever maintain water and sewer pipes under the canal lands from the Delaware river to tidewater.

The third section of the canal, as provided in the bill, will practically go to the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company. The railroad company has control of the Jersey Bell Line charter, which carries with it a right to build a railroad on railroad property.

The provisions in the bill for the reservation of a certain strip of land and the prohibition of grade crossings make it almost certain that a railroad between Jersey City and Paterson is contemplated. If such is the case the Brookdale trolley problem will be solved.

### Won Many Prizes.

Dr. Jacob S. Wolfe of this town won a number of prizes at the Washington, N. J., poultry and pigeon show this week. There was sharp competition in all classes. With forty-five silver-spangled Hamburg fowls entered Dr. Wolfe he gained awards on forty-four birds and carried off the honors of the show. He also won seven specials, including the challenge cup, valued at \$50, offered by Cornish employees for the best display in the show. Dr. Wolfe won the cup last year, and by winning it twice in a row, he also won a \$10 prize, special for the largest entry, and President Charles Nixon's silver cup for the best cock, hen, cockerel and pullet in the show.

### Prizes With Pictures.

Have your picture taken at New Studio, 8 Broad street, Bloomfield, 5 postal cards for 50 cents. With every sitting next week a handsome brooch with picture in it given free; bring the babies early. Work guaranteed not to fade. - Advt.

Hotel Building Burned.  
Raab's Hotel building, 427 and 429 Bloomfield avenue, where William R. and Sebastian Rose conducted a hotel, was destroyed by fire on Saturday morning of last week, involving a loss of upwards of \$12,000 on the building and its contents. An alarm of fire from box 27 shortly after 11 o'clock in the morning called the firemen to the scene of the fire. It was soon apparent that the services of the entire department was needed and a second alarm was sent in. The building was a frame one and had been added to at various times and the fire spread through it in such a manner that the firemen could not fix on any definite point to make headway against it. Part of the main building was three stories high and the water pressure was such that none of the seven streams played on the blaze reached higher than the second story. There was a vigorous denunciation of the lack of water pressure, both on the part of the firemen and spectators.

Superintendent Rawson of the water department says that a pressure of eighty-five pounds was steadily kept up while the fire was in progress and the fault was with the overdriven or the lack of water pressure, both on the part of the firemen and spectators.

Representatives of the railway company in their declarations to the council may profess to be indifferent about the granting of the double track proposition, that the company can continue to get along without it and that members of the council in opposing it are standing in the way of a benefit to the people in the improvement to the service that would follow the laying of the double track.

The reply to that is that the company does want the double track privilege and is anxious for it as evidenced by a second application for it.

The direct benefit derivable to the people of this town from the proposed short piece of double track is not apparent, but it is evident that the East Orange patronage would derive considerable benefit from it.

The concessions offered by the Public Service Railway Company in return for the Glenwood avenue double track privilege are nothing more than the ordinary concessions offered to every municipality when the company desires to put down new track. Much was made of a proposal by the company to put the electric light wires in Glenwood avenue under ground in return for the double track privilege. That was a small matter and of but little public benefit compared with what the extension of the Broad street line to Brookdale would be. If it was worth the while of the Public Service Railway to renew its application for a double track in Glenwood avenue, it is also worth while for the members of the council to renew the demand for the extension of the Broad street track to Brookdale.

It is a fair game to play. The railway company wants something given to it by the town and in return for it should give the town a substantial equivalent. As was stated by a member of the council when the matter was under discussion, "The value of the permit for a double track in Glenwood avenue cannot be measured in dollars and cents." It is something that runs for all time.

**Christ Episcopal Church.**

The Rev. Edwin A. White has completed his twentieth year as rector of Christ Episcopal Church and he will deliver a sermon at the 11:00 o'clock service to-morrow that will be appropriate to the occasion. The music at to-morrow's services will be as follows: Eleven o'clock, Te Deum in E flat, Buck; offertory solos from the Messiah, "He shall feed His flock" and "Come unto Him"; 4:30 o'clock service, Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in D, Clare; offertory anthem, "O Holy Night," Adam. Sunday, January 21, will be observed as anniversary Sunday, and Bishop Lines will preach at the morning service.

There will be a special musical service in the afternoon. An anniversary reception will be held in the parish house on Thursday evening, January 25.

**BROOKDALE TROLLEY.**  
Members of the Town Council Have an Opportunity to Demand an Extension of the Broad Street Line to Brookdale in Exchange for Glenwood Avenue Double Track Privilege.

The Public Service Railway Com-

pany is evidently anxious to get a double track line on that portion of Glenwood avenue between the Centre and Tonys brook. It is only a few weeks since that the council voted down the company's request for this same privilege. Some of the members of the council who voted against granting the company's request in 1911 did so because the company did not offer concessions that were satisfactory. One demand made upon the company was that it extend the Broad street line to Brookdale. The company declined to grant the concession, alleging that the limited franchise legislation stood in the way of such a project. The same legislation, if strictly applied, stands in the way of the Glenwood avenue double track proposition, but in that case it does not suit the purpose of the company to raise the point.

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**Death of George A. Pauli.** D. D.

The Rev. Dr. George A. Pauli, pastor of the Upper Montclair Presbyterian Church and for eighteen years pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church here, died Wednesday night at his home in Inwood avenue, Upper Montclair, from heart failure. He was

dearly loved by his wife, Mrs. Sarah J. Pauli,

two daughters and a son survive him.

They are Mrs. John W. Knight and

Mrs. Harry Bogert of Glen Ridge and

Warren L. Pauli of Philadelphia.

**J. Cory Johnson Dead.**

J. Cory Johnson, aged seventy-six years, a well-known resident of this town, died at his home, 630 Bloomfield avenue, yesterday morning, after a two weeks' illness which started with grip and developed pneumonia.

Mr. Johnson was born in Newark and was

the son of the late Thomas V. Johnson

of Newark, later of Morristown. It is

now forty-six years since Mr. Johnson

took up his residence here. He was in

the life insurance business and was for

half a century connected with the Mutual

Benefit Life Insurance Company.

Mr. Johnson was a member of the

Westminster Presbyterian Church.

During his long pastorate here Dr.

Pauli made many close friends, who

have always held him in high esteem

and warm remembrance and will deeply

miss his death. Dr. Pauli was a

scholarly preacher and firmly grounded

in the Presbyterian faith. He had high

ideals, both with respect to the church

and ministerial calling, and he ap-

plied them in his preaching and his

pastoral work.

**Men's Mass Meeting.**

The preliminary gun preceding the

big Eight Day Campaign in the Men

and Religion Forward Movement, will

be fired on Friday, January the 19.

Mr. Roy B. Gurn, executive secretary

of the National Committee, will ad-

dress a big gathering of men in the Y.

M. C. A. Auditorium, Newark, at 8

o'clock p. m.

**Free Bible Lecture.**

A free Bible lecture will be given un-

der the auspices of the Bloomfield

Branch of the International Bible S-

tudents, tomorrow afternoon at 8 p. m.

in 18 Broad street, by J. C. Edwards of

New York. There will also be a Bible

study at 18 Newark avenue at 7:30.

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